

AMERICAN FLEET TO GO DIRECT TO CUBAN WATERS

Battleships to Be Ready for
Emergency on Return from
European Cruise.

CARRY 1,000 MARINES.

Gomez, Fearing Revolution,
Strips His Army of Am-
munition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It has been developed that a part of the Government's information regarding the critical situation in Cuba—which it is expected will call for intervention this winter—was brought back by President Taft himself on his return from Panama recently.

On his way back the President stopped at Guantanamo to inspect the site selected by Secretary Meyer for a naval base to guard the Panama Canal. It has been learned that on that occasion representatives of both President Gomez and the opposition factions described the conditions of the island, each from their own viewpoint, in such detail that the President had personal confirmation of reports that have reached the State Department of the disrupted and corrupted conditions in Cuba.

Cabinet Considers Situation.
The Cabinet will take the Cuban situation up to-day. "Official denials" of early intervention and of Cuban conditions in general were made; there was no revolution at present, and therefore no intention of sending troops to Cuba at this particular time.

Nevertheless between Jan. 1 and 9 the entire American battleship fleet, with one thousand or more marines aboard, will be in Guantanamo waters. It was announced at the Navy Department yesterday that the fleet will go direct to Guantanamo from its European cruise. While Secretary Dickinson refused to talk on the Cuban situation, an army officer of high rank and officially familiar with conditions in Cuba said to-day that the present government of Cuba is a government by assassination.

So serious is the situation there and so near is the opposition verging on a revolution that President Gomez has stripped the standing army of all ammunition. This information, on file in the War Department, was received recently.

Gomez Fears Assassination.
When Gen. Guerta, head of the army, was forced to resign a few weeks ago, President Gomez feared the army would follow him and be a strong factor in his deposition, which he apprehended was to be attempted. It was for this reason that he relieved the army of its arms and ammunition and turned it all over to the National Guards, an organization as strong as the standing army numerically, and in sympathy with Gomez.

The latest advices from Cuba received to-day are that President Gomez is in deadly fear of assassination at the hands of his rivals. A majority of them believe that there is a scheme on foot to detain Gomez as President despite frequent declarations of his intention to step down at the end of his present term.

Films and Foods.
(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
"They are carrying this moving picture craze a little too darn far," said the "My man on the back platform of the hotel car."

What's the grievance?" asked the auditor.
"Why, it's just this. My landlady is pretty progressive and she got it into her head that a series of alimentation films would be a good thing. They are a good thing for the landlady. Just before dinner she shows the darn digestion pictures, and after I see two or three of 'em I don't want a morsel to eat. Oh, she's cute. Why, the biggest eater at the table saw what happened in the pictures to a chunk of corned beef, and now he's a howlin' vegetarian. Science has its place, all right, but it never should be permitted to get a single hold on an honest man's appetite."

"That's right," said the conductor.



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Until the store closes, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock, the GIMBEL service will keep up the steady, even speed that it has maintained through all the holiday season. No faltering, no let-down, until your last Christmas purchase is made and the last Christmas package is delivered.

And tomorrow, when you look over your shopping list for the last time, and pick out the various things that have somehow been left until the last minute—GIMBELS is the store to turn to, with the assurance that it will hold, among its great, splendid Christmas stocks, precisely what you want.

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Gloves Handkerchiefs Women's Neckwear Books Men's House Coats and Bath Robes
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Umbrellas and Canes Slippers Toilet Goods Pictures Pianos and Player-Pianos

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Promises of Christmas deliveries of VICTROLA Hornless Talking Machines, are like pie-crust—apt to be made only to be broken. For the demand for these superb machines is far greater than dealers—and the Victor factory—can supply.

The VISIBLE stock of these VICTROLAS, Type XVI, at \$200, at Gimbel's, while limited. ASSURES you your machine before Christmas if you come promptly.

In mahogany, and a variety of oak finishes, at \$200.
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JUST ONE, Type XIV, in mahogany, at \$150.

Easy Victrola Terms, \$10 Down and \$10 a Month.

Full stock of all other types of Victor Talking Machines, from \$17.50 to \$60; also horns and cabinets.

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A Special offering of Harz Mountain Canaries, all exceptionally good singers, at \$2.25.

Electric toasters, porcelain base, each in neat holly box, at \$3.25.
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Silk and satin-lined baskets in fancy designs and shapes, special at \$2.

Smoker's articles, including ash receivers and cigar sets, from 15c to \$10.50.
Chaffing dish forks and spoons, nickel-plated, ebony handles, at \$1.25 a set.

Imported Military Capes, \$10

They were priced at \$21.50—fashioned after the capes of the gendarmes and those of Prussian officers.
Of fine kersey—red, blue, taupe, gray, coral, and trimmed with velvet and broadcloth in contrasting colors. Special, \$10.

Rain capes for as little as \$1.85, \$3.65 and \$4.25—of plain and plaid rubberized satins and silks.

Third floor.

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Containing Fine Meshed
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Beautiful, silky, well-woven rugs of the peculiar meshed weaves, than which there are few better or more beautiful rugs woven in Persia.

These come in the most wanted sizes, such as 3x5 ft. and 4x7 ft., and would ordinarily sell at from \$27.50 to \$75.

Sixth floor.

Dainty Nightgowns, \$2

Of fine nainsook, made with round neck, trimmed with wide bias beading, lace and Dresden ribbon at neck and sleeves, special, \$2.

Corset Covers, 50c, 75c, \$1 and up.
Corset cover and drawer combinations, or corset cover and short drawer combinations, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 up.
Flannellette kimono, special, \$1.65.
Eiderdown dressing sacques, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.
Flannellette petticoats, pink and blue stripes, with silk stitched scalloped ruffle, 50c.

Second floor.

Furs—Complete Groups

Beautiful furs—good furs—specially Gimbel-selected furs—all sorts and at prices that have made Gimbel's talked of in fur circles very often. Special:—

Red fox scarfs, in animal effect, and muff to match, \$27.50 each.
Natural racoon scarfs, \$17.50, with pillow or rug muff, \$23.50.
Children's Sets—imitation ermine, \$1.45.
Combination angora and imitation ermine, \$1.95; and combination angora and lamb, \$3.50.

Third floor.

Gifts of Solid Silver

We mention these because we can present in them to those seeking a lasting remembrance a most beautiful assortment. Sterling silver vases, beautifully chased and glass lined, \$15 to \$25.
Sterling silver fruit bowls, \$10 to \$35.50.
And beautiful fruit compotes and dishes of nickel-silver and quadruple plate, glass lined, \$5 to \$35.

Main floor.

Direct Entrance to Gimbel's

From any Station on
1—The Hudson Tubes or connecting
Railroads.
2—The Sixth Avenue Elevated.
Direct Entrance to the Gimbel Store from both roads

Nursery Rhymes in Life—Eighth Floor

GIMBELS

Store Closes This Week at 7 P. M.

Service Desks—All Floors

At these points you may have small parcels wrapped, send telegrams, call your carriage or a taxi, use the city directory, call for a messenger, check your packages, get information. This service is for you to enjoy. Make full use of it whenever you visit Gimbel's.

London-Made Storm Coats, \$45

A direct importation from the most widely known wholesale tailors of London, England. Specially priced at \$45 instead of \$50, \$55 and \$60, because they arrived three weeks behind time.

They are just such coats as met with instant favor among the critical men of New York who passed upon the Gimbel Men's Store during the opening days.

We have re-ordered these coats time and again since then, and these last arrivals comprise the largest shipment so far.

Everything about them points to exclusiveness—the clever style, inimitable London tailoring in coats of these warmth-without-weight fabrics. Special, \$45.

Men and young men are invited to see the present Gimbel display of

Gimbel Overcoats at \$15 to \$80.

Gimbel Winter Suits at \$15 to \$45.

Special Overcoats for Young Men At \$12

Overcoats which we had tailored to meet the demands of the young man who wished to be cleverly dressed without being foppish. Good coats, even at the prices usually asked—\$15 and more. These are of all-wool fabrics—plain and novelties, with two-way convertible collars, sizes 16 to 22 years.

Newest Always in Gimbel Boys' Clothing

Collections, many and varied—and always in strict conformity to youthful tastes and to mothers' opinions upon service qualities.

Boys' All-Wool Suits With Two Pairs of Knickerbockers, \$5.

Plain double-breasted coat suits, sizes 9 to 17 years.

Boys' chinchilla cloth overcoats and reefers, \$5; of a soft, absolutely all-wool quality, lined with wool.

Russian style, sizes 13 to 18 years.

Double-breasted reefers, sizes 9 to 10 years. Colors dark blue and gray.

Boys' Warm Winter Overcoats, \$10

All-wool fabrics, new gray or brown mixtures, lined with all-wool cassimere or flannel, made long and full, and with two-way convertible collar. All sizes, 9 to 18 years, and a liberal variety, \$10.

And at \$7.50 to \$15.50, one will find a style and fabric range in Winter overcoats and suits for boys between the ages of 2½ and 18 years, which comprehends everything new and good.

Fourth floor.

Men's and Boys' Fur Caps.

Every style, every shape—of finest selected pelts and just the last-minute gift hint for "the man at the wheel," or for him of outdoor proclivities. Fur caps of coney, electric seal, muskrat, raccoon, piece seal, Persian lamb and seal. \$2 to \$20.

And Stetson Hats—for the man who wants a new one for the holidays. All the shapes that Stetson makes, in all sizes, and several which this factory makes for Gimbel's solely.

Stetson derbies, \$3.50 to \$10. Stetson soft hats, \$3.50 to \$12.

Fourth floor.

Last Minute Suggestions in Leather Goods

"I must get something for so-and-so." If that is your state of mind, you will find much aid and comfort in the splendid stock of Gimbel leather goods that awaits your choosing today. For instance:

At \$1, all-over beaded bags, with black or white backgrounds.

At \$1.50, large jewel boxes, in royal red, green or maroon saffian leather, with lock and key.

At \$1.50, set of four coat-hangers, in green, red or black leather case.

At \$1, novelty belts of fancy fabrics, with pretty stone-set buckles.

At 50c, steel-studded elastic belts, with cut steel buckles, black or colors, in gift boxes.

At \$1.50, men's 3-fold wallets of real seal, calf-faced inside; with memorandum book; most convenient.

At \$3.50, women's imported handbags of calfskin, in polished lizard and crocodile, silver and gilt frames.

Arranged on aisle tables are such "pick-ups" as men's three-fold wallet and coin purses, and women's pocketbooks at 50c and 75c; and a large collection of handbags in various styles, colors and leathers, some unusual values at \$1 to \$5.

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF SMOKERS' ARTICLES, such as pipes, pipe-sets, humidors, automatic cigar lighters, etc., contains many splendid gifts for men.

Main floor.

Christmas Candy!

If you get it at GIMBELS it's PURE.

It is also fresh and delicious.

Chocolates, bon-bons, glace and salted nuts, marzipan candies, candied fruits, and all the favorite old-fashioned sorts of hard and clear candies that are an essential part of every successful Christmas—all here, for last-minute buying.

Convenient ready-wrapped packages, to take home without waiting, may be found at various points in the store, chocolates and bon-bons at 25c and 40c lb.; fine Christmas mixtures at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1 a box.

The Gimbel 5-lb. Family Christmas Box of Candy at \$1 contains all chocolates, or chocolates and bon-bons, or chocolates with apricot jellies and bon-bons.

SPECIAL—the delicious "Hudson," "Stacey" and "Lexington" chocolates; regularly sold at agencies at 60c, 80c and \$1 lb., now at 50c, 60c and 75c lb.

Subway Balcony and Fourth floor

400 Silk Petticoats at \$3.85

For the last-minute gift-hint, practical—a variety of styles in black and colors, also fancy Persian effects.

Such petticoats have been Gimbel priced right along at \$5 each, but a just-bought group allows this special pricing.

Tomorrow \$3.85.

Third floor.

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